

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

STIMULUS SUMMARY

- Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) the Louisiana Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) expects to receive approximately \$43 million for the improvement of wastewater infrastructure and other water quality improvement projects.
- EPA issued preliminary guidance on February 18, 2009 and then on March 2, 2009, directing DEQ to submit the Intended Use Plan (IUP) to EPA Region 6 within 60 days of bill enactment. The IUP identifies our Priority List of eligible projects that the CWSRF will fund with ARRA Stimulus monies.
- Projects eligible for Stimulus funding (shovel-ready) are those that meet the following criteria:
 1. Have a completed **Environmental Review Process (ERP)** or be eligible for a **Categorical Exclusion**. A Categorical Exclusion is determined by an authorized agency (DEQ) that a particular action will not have a significant effect on human health and the environment. **Examples of actions that may qualify for Categorical Exclusion include:** rehabilitation or replacement of existing sewer line, provided that lines are not replaced with significantly larger pipe; renovation of existing lift stations, including the replacement of pumps, motors, electrical controls; or replacement of the entire lift station with a new station constructed on the same site, or an upgrade or renovation of an existing treatment plant, including replacement of existing equipment, addition of ancillary equipment such as sludge belt presses, digesters, pumps, or other equipment that may not have been necessary when the plant was built; provided that the work does not result in a significant increase in the capacity of the plant and work is done on the existing plant site.
- **To be eligible for Stimulus CWSRF, your project must be received by 3:00 pm on Friday, March 13, 2009** so that we can include it on our Priority List, a key requirement of the IUP.
- The application form is listed below:
 1. [Pre-application RF 100](#)
- The aforementioned form and instructions may also be downloaded from: www.DEQ.Louisiana.gov/loanfund and click the "[How to Apply and Related Forms](#)" link.
- Municipalities approved to receive ARRA CWSRF Stimulus funding must agree to apply the Davis-Bacon Act wage rules to all agreements. Also, the ARRA requires that American Iron, Steel and Manufactured Goods be used for all projects, unless a waiver is granted by the EPA Administrator.
- Submission of **green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements** or other environmentally innovative projects are strongly encouraged.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Applications received **after** March 13, 2009, will still be eligible to receive a loan at the newly lowered interest rate of **0.95%** through our existing CWSRF Loan Program.
- For all questions and/or assistance with the application forms, please contact the following lead CWSRF engineers: **Mr. Bijan Sharafkhani by email at Bijan.Sharafkhani@la.gov or by phone at (225) 219-3957, or Mr. Jonathan McFarland by email at jonathan.mcfarland@la.gov, or by phone at (225)219-3956.**